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Culinary Workers Achieve Success

Cooks, Waiters, Waitresses and Bartenders Win Fight for Union Shop in Many Hotels and Restaurants.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—There is no let up in the steady influx of culinary workers into the Hotel and Restaurant Employes' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America, according to information contained in the labor papers from various parts of the country received at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor here.

A few of the gains in organization are given in the following items:

Strike Convenes Flint Hotel

A seven hours' strike of fifty culinary employes of the Hotel Durant in Flint, Michigan, brought the management to the point of dealing with Culinary Workers Local Union No. 605. The agreement which settled the strike provided for union recognition and negotiations to determine wages, hours, general working conditions, and the selection of a three-man arbitration board to adjust disputed points. During two weeks the Culinary Workers Union also signed up six cafes for the union shop.

With the signing up of the Hotel Dayton in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on the union shop, Hotel and Restaurant Employes Local Union No. 571 of that city announced that five Kenosha firms had made contracts with the union since it was organized a little over three months ago. The Hotel Dayton contract establishes union wage and hour standards for 25 employes. The union has over 100 members.

Union Hotel for Illinois Labor Convention

The Illinois State Federation of Labor, which chose Lac Salle as the convention city for next September, will be enabled to meet in a strictly

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WOOLWORTH'S ST. LOUIS STORES GO UNION SHOP

East St. Louis 5-and-10-Cent Stores Join Procession

By A. F. of L. News Service.

American Federation of Labor representatives in St. Louis, Missouri, negotiated an agreement with the management of 33 Woolworth 5-and-10-cent stores in St. Louis and East Louis County. The agreement, affecting about 1,500 employes, carries wage increases ranging from 10 to 32 per cent for employes working on merchandising and lunch counters, and provides a 48-hour, six day week. The following unions secured recognitions and bargaining agents for their members: Waitresses Union No. 249, Cooks Union No. 26, and Retail Clerks Union No. 655. Union officials said the wage scales were the same as the prevailing scales of the unions in the St. Louis area, except that some waitresses would receive a higher weekly pay because of continuous service.

Representatives of the American Federation of Labor report that union recognition agreements have been negotiated with all the leading five-and-ten-cent stores in East St. Louis, Illinois, following a similar agreement with the Woolworth five-and-ten-cent stores in St. Louis, Missouri.

MACHINISTS ORGANIZE EAST ST. LOUIS GARAGES

Dubuque Local Initiates Twelve New Members

By A. F. of L. News Service.

A strike of 140 mechanics in 52 garages of East St. Louis, Illinois, was averted when the International Association of Machinists negotiated an agreement with the East St. Louis Automobile Dealers Association. The conversations which resulted in the agreement lasted for more a month. The pact provides for a closed shop, the 44-hour week, and minimum wages with 10 per cent above the regular scale for night work.

The strength of Machinists Local No. 1238 of Dubuque, Iowa, is rapidly increasing, twelve new members having been initiated in two weeks.

ENGINEERS IN ST. PAUL ENROLL 50 NEW MEMBERS

Organization Drive Planned For Low-Wage Workers Whose Engineers Receive Only $70 Per Month.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 36 of St. Paul, Minnesota, has signed up all the engineers at the Booth Fisheries. Over 50 new members have been initiated recently.

The organization drive of the union has been broadened to include the low-wage industrial plants in the St. Paul area. Un'on officials say that many engineers in prosperous plants pay their engineers as little as $70 a month, impose long hours and ban holidays and vacations with pay.

The union scale calls for a minimum of $180 per month, the 40-hour week, five legal holidays, vacations on full pay and seniority rights.

EDITORIALS

PICKETING ACHIEVEMENTS

The value of picketing as a method of informing the public with regard to unfair labor conditions imposed on workers by anti-union employers and suggesting that the friends of labor withhold their patronage from such concerns as long as the unfair conditions are not remedied is well illustrated by the experience of the local unions of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada in Providence, Rhode Island.

About a year ago the proprietors of the Modern Theatre in Providence discharged their union moving picture machine operators and stage hands and decided to operate on the open shop basis.

Shortly after this subversive decision the theatrical unions placed a corps of pickets in front of the theatre to inform patrons each day and night shows that the theatre employes were not members of the International Federation of Labor unions.

Despite dwindling attendances, the management of the theatre remained firm in their unpatriotic determination not to recognize the right of the workers to organize in unions and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing.

The pickets persistently continued their picketing week after week and month after month. Recently the attendances at the theatre became so small that further operation evidently meant bankruptcy for the owners. Consequently, rather than yield to the just demands of organized labor they closed the theatre.

The story of a principle is often a virtue. But when the principle is the denial of the right of the workers to organize and bargain collectively, to protect their living standards, loyalty to it is not a virtue. It is, instead, a moral fault which merits and receives the condemnation of all those whose judgments are based on ethical concepts.

OBEYING UNION RULES

The obligations which individuals take when they join a labor union to the effect that they will conform to the equally important as the obligations which unions take to faithfully observe agreements made with employers.

One of the major purposes of every union is to fix minimum wage scales for its members, and no union member is permitted to work for less than the scale without special permission from the union, which is rarely given. This rule is necessary to preserve union rates.

Occasionally a few scale chiselers operate within union ranks. When these occurs, drastic action is necessary by loyal union members and officials to preserve the union rates and living and working standards and all those rates.

Local Number 47 of the American Federation of Musicians, in Los Angeles, California, recently had several members who were found guilty, by a of a membership of 4,680, there were 12 members who were found guilty of with violating union rules by playing "side line" engagements in independent motion picture studios at less than the union scale.

The board of directors of the union gave the men a fair trial, found them guilty of scale cutting, and assessed the following penalties:

"Contractor, expulsion and $500 fine; two members, $100 fines; eight members, $75 fines; three members, $50 fines; one member, $35 fine; 12 members, $25 fines."

In commenting on these penalties the president of the union said they should impress the members with the necessity of upholding their obligations by "respecting" them in fact, the laws, rules, price lists and other requirements of the union. "We trust," he added, "that this is the final case wherein our members may find themselves penalized for unofficial activities in the motion picture studios, and that they will profit in accordance by the conclusions reached in this case."

LOW WAGE INDUSTRIES

People who are either so untruthful or ignorant as to boast about the universal high wage scale which it is alleged employers in the United States pay working men and women would realize the absurdity of such claims if they really and sincerely undertook to find out just what wages are paid.

A good eye opener along this line has recently been afforded by the Colorado Industrial Commission in a hearing on wages paid florist and greenhouses employes in Denver. The question before the commission was the proposal, supported by the Colorado State Federation of Labor, to increase the wage scale for the workers in the aforesaid industries. At the hearing the case the commission by a two-to-one vote reversed its former decision and fixed the wages at 45 cents an hour.

Testimony submitted by the representatives of the State Federation of Labor showed that although the employes of the Denver greenhouses and florists are skilled workmen, the employers, taking advantage of economic conditions, impose a work week ranging from 54 to 72 hours and pay wages ranging from $10.80 to $16.80 a week.

These wage rates are unbelievably low. They are too low to permit the workers to provide a decent living for themselves and their families. But the representatives of the employers insisted that although the cost of living had increased a rise in wages was not justified. Happily, the commission decided against this and warranted argument and awarded an increased wage rate.

It is interesting to note that, even when confronted with indisputable testimony that the Denver florists had had the most profitable year since business recovery began in 1933, the number of the commission who voted against the wage increase held there was nothing in the testimony to convince him that they could pay even the 45 cents an hour, which the majority of the commission found reasonable.

The low wages of the Denver florist and greenhouse employes are duplicated by the wages paid other unorganized employes in many parts of the United States. It would be a good plan to make a record of these low wage business groups and given them a place in the sun, which the majority of the commission found reasonable.

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TEAMSTERS FORM MANY NEW UNIONS

Five Locals Established in Michigan—Albuquerque Falls in Line — Forty-Eight Stores Sign Up in Everett, Wash.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—The onward march of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of American in enrolling as members various classifications of workers coming under the Brotherhood's jurisdiction is indicated in part by the record of new locals established and agreements negotiated recorded in the local labor reports received by the American Federation of Labor at its headquarters here. The following gains are among the numerous ones:

100 Per Cent Union Shop in Evansville

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers effected a 100 per cent unionization of the Hancock Truck Lines and White Lily Dairy employes of Evansville, Indiana. The trucking concern operates exclusively in several midwestern states and employs 85 drivers at the Evansville terminal.

Check and double-check for Teamsters Local Union No. 38 of Everett, Washington. Following a three months' drive for recognition both de-

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MEAT CUTTERS ACTIVE IN CALIFORNIA TOWNS

Unions Are Increasing Strength and Signing Up Markets For Union Standards.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—California labor journals received at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor here contain the following points of interest regarding the growing strength of the local unions affiliated with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America:

A local of the Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's Union has been chartered in Santa Ana, California, with 40 members, which is said to include practically all of the eligibles in that city.

The Butchers' Union at Bakersfield, California, following a long fight, has succeeded in signing up Pigg and the Green Frog Market, which are both finally displaying the butchers' well-known Union Shop Card. The union is now making a drive to persuade the Lang & F. stores to permit their meat cutters to organize.

Following a long drawn out controversy, El Dorado, Arkansas, locked at Stockton, California, have finally signed an agreement with the Butchers' Union, Local No. 127, granting full recognition, union pay and union conditions.

COLUMBUS STREET CAR MEN ORGANIZE UNION

Providence Local Initiates 50 New Members

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Local Division No. 1111, at Columbus, Ohio, was recently formed by the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, and promptly entered negotiations with the Railway, Light and Power Company officials, seeking higher wages and improved working conditions.

The addition of over fifty men to union membership during two months is reported by Street Car Men's Division 16, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, of Providence, Rhode Island. The Providence trolley and bus company reports that increased business requires more employes.

WINDOW WASHERS FORM UNION IN ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. Paul, Minn. (AFLNS).—The Window Washers Union of St. Paul has applied for a charter from the International Service Employes International Union.

27 UNION SHOPS GAINED IN EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

East St. Louis, Ill. (AFLNS).—A fast-moving campaign being conducted in East St. Louis by A. F. of L. organizers resulted in the prompt organization of 27 barber and beauty parlor union shops and automobile supply stores.

Unions in Capital of the Nation Improve Workers' Economic Status

Higher Wages, and Shorter Hours Feature Benefits Secured by Organized Labor—Bakers Wage War on Non-Union Out-of-Town Products—All Theatres But One Are Union Shop.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington, D. C. — Organized labor in the District of Columbia is keeping pace with the forward strides of wage earners in other parts of the country by making substantial advances. A brief review of recent achievements here include such labor victories as the following:

Street Car Men Win Wage Boost

Local Division No. 689, Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, secured wage increases from the Capital Transit Company for 3,500 workers, bus operators and operators of one-man street cars getting three cents an hour additional and other employees two cents an hour, bringing the rate to 74 and 67 cents an hour, respectively.

$1.75 an Hour for Bricklayers

Bricklayers' Local Union No. 1, has reached an agreement with District brick contractors, establishing wage rates of $1.75 an hour, where the 8-hour day, 40-hour week is worked, and $1.85 an hour where the 6-hour day, 30-hour week is in force.

Pathfinder Goes Union Shop

Three printing craft unions have signed agreements with the Pathfinder Publishing Company, making it a union shop, after operating 47 years as a non-union shop. The firm publishes "The Pathfinder," newsmagazine with over a million circulation.

Bakers' Union No. 118 and Bakery Salesmen No. 33, co-operating in a spectacular campaign, have succeeded in having nearly 400 local stores and restaurants quit handling non-union, out-of-town bakery products.

Arbitration Plan for Building Trades

The Building Trades Council here, recognized as one of the most progressive in the country, has set up an Arbitration Committee, under the plan recently approved by the Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L., for settlement of jurisdictional disputes. The Council has also re-

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JERRY J. HORAN, LABOR UNION OFFICIAL, DIES

Was President of International Union of Building Service Employes.

Chicago, Ill. (AFLNS)—Jerry J. Horan, president of the International Union of Building Service Employes and of The Chicago Flat Janitors' Union, died in the Passavant Hospital here, where he had been a patient for only four days, on April 27. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Horan was well known in the world of organized labor in Chicago and throughout the United States. He had been head of the janitors' and service employes' unions for the last ten years. Labor gangs said his administration had been constructive and progressive. In this connection they cited the fact that no strikes had been reported in the building service unions under his leadership than ever before.

The funeral services were attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances both in and out of the organized labor movement. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nona Horan, and a daughter Mrs. James Curran.

6 DES MOINES DAIRIES ARE MADE UNION SHOP

Chattanooga Union Makes Good Progress

By A. F. of L. News Service.

With dairies already 100 per cent organized, Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees' Union No. 387, at Des Moines, Iowa, is staging a campaign for the complete organization of the industry in that city. Non-union dairies were reported as paying workers as little as ten dollars a week, and working them long hours, some seven days a week. Unionization, it is pointed out, is the only effective way to stop that sort of slavery.

The Dairy Workers' Union at Chattanooga, Tenn., has secured a new closed shop agreement with the Grant-Patten Milk Company, and is renewing similar agreements with other dairies.

49 NEW LOCALS FORMED BY CARPENTERS UNION

Indianapolis, Ind. (AFLNS)—Officials of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America announced the issuance of 49 charters to new locals of the Brotherhood in the following towns:

Glendale, Calif.; Center, Ala.; Seymour, Ind.; Ironwood, Mich.; Linden, Tex.; Louisville, Ky.; Pittsburg, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Union City, Pa.; Oshkosh, Wis.; Fort Smith, Ark.; Lexington, Ky.; Pasadena, Calif.; St. John, N. B., Can.; Pikeville, Ky.; East Chicago, Wis.; Chesley, Ont., Can.; Sweet Home, Ore.; Lodi, Calif.; Detroit, Mich.; Sacramento, Calif.; Traverse City, Mich.; Piqua, Ohio; Hopewood, Pa.; Mankato, Minn.; Glendale, Pa.; Merrill, Wis. International Falls, Minn.; Panama City, Fla.; Cle Elum, Wash.; Canby, Ore.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Dallas, Tex.; Brownsville, Pa.; Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

St. Louis Dye House Workers Win Closed Shop Agreement

St. Louis, Mo. (AFLNS)—Local Union No. 20, International Association of Cleaning and Dye House Workers, has succeeded in getting a 10% per cent union agreement with the South Side Dye Works in St. Louis, one of the oldest concerns of its kind in this city, in business 45 years.

St. Paul Dry Cleaners Union Initiates 24 at One Meeting

St. Paul, Minn. (AFLNS)—The Dry Cleaning and Laundry Workers' Union of St. Paul recently initiated 24 new members at one meeting.

MEMPHIS BARBERS WIN 48 SHOPS FOR UNION

Two Shops Organized in San Jose—Beauty Operators in St. Paul Form Union.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—The following items regarding the progress of organization work in the interest of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union are compiled from labor papers received at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor here:

Barbers' Local Union No. 56, at Memphis, Tenn., in a recent drive for new members and new contracts with employers, has signed up 48 shops, bringing 68 new members into the local.

The newly-organized beauty operators local of the Journeymen Barbers International Union in St. Paul, Minnesota, voted to affiliate with the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly. The union is challenging the commission type of compensation in vogue in many beauty shops as an unjust method of wage payment.

Two new barber shops have been organized, Local Union No. 252 of San Jose, California.

THREE LOCALS OF STATE EMPLOYES ESTABLISHED

Discrimination Is Charged Against Management of Washington Hospital

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Employes of the State Hospital of Ann Arbor, Michigan, have organized a union, chartered by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes, as A. F. of L. affiliate. The hospital employs about 1,200 people, mostly attendants, whose average wage prior to organization was reported as about $18 a week. Improvements in wages and working conditions generally are expected to result from the unionization of the workers. The same union reports extensive organization plans and much progress generally.

A vigorous local of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes has been established in Tacoma, Washington. Over 67 employes of the Western Washington Hospital at Steilacoom are members. A discomforting element in the situation is the report that Dr. Keller, superintendent of the hospital, began a campaign to induce hospital members in employment terms as soon as the local was formed.

Approximately per cent of the employes of the Water, Light, Power and Building Commission of the village of Hibbing, Minnesota, are members of a new union, chartered by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes, young but progressive A. F. of L. affiliate. Formation of the union by local officials was asked.

LOS ANGELES FURNITURE UNION SIGNS UP 5 PLANTS

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Furniture Workers Union 1561 of Los Angeles Calif., announces the signing of a union shop agreement with the Los Angeles Manufacturing Company which employs 55 men and a large part of whose output is handled through the Bradstock and Cone company. This is the fourth union shop agreement recently negotiated by the Los Angeles Furniture Workers Union, which now has 82 union contracts. The latest pact is a big step showing made by any furniture union in the United States.

Portland Teamsters, Metal Trades Win Union Shop Pact

Portland, Oregon (AFLNS)—The Metal Trades and Teamsters Unions of Portland have unionized the employes of the Beall Tank and Pipe Corporation here and negotiated a union shop agreement covering 100 workers.

LARGE GAINS MADE BY RETAIL CLERKS

Twenty-Five Springfield Food Stores Sign Agreements—Los Angeles Local Lines Up Seventeen Shoe Stores—New Unions Chartered.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Officials of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association are not doing much boasting about recent achievements in organizing retail clerks throughout the United States. But that fact does not lessen in any degree the recent gains made by the association.

Numerous charters of locals recently established and agreements negotiated is compiled from the labor papers received by the American Federation of Labor at its headquarters here:

Cincinnati Membership Booms

The organization drive of the Retail Clerks National Protective Association in Cincinnati, Ohio, reports fine achievements. The Industrial Insurance Salesmen's Local with 250 members has already received its charter. Charters have been applied for by new unions of retail shoe salesmen, auto salesmen, and furniture salesmen, with the Retail Grocery Clerks Local No. 1068, reporting a large increase in members.

Business is good for Retail Food Clerks Union Local No. 870 of Oakland, Calif. At a recent special meeting the union initiated 175 new members. This is said to be the largest initiation of its kind in California.

Retail Clerks International Protective Association Local No. 526 of Kenosha, Wisconsin, negotiated a union shop agreement with the Benjamin Franklin Store of that city.

Seventeen Los Angeles Agreements

Retail Shoe Salesmen's Local No. 406 of Los Angeles, Calif., has negotiated union agreements with seventeen shoe stores in Los Angeles and vicinity. The agreements include the Leed's Shoe Stores; which operate four stores in Los Angeles, one in Long Beach, and one in Pasadena; the C. H. Baker's Shoe Stores, four of which are in Los Angeles and one in Pasadena, and Ross Knight Shoe Stores, with two stores in Los

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MUSICIANS ORGANIZE IN BAY CITY, MICH.

Los Angeles Union Has Over Four Thousand Members

By A. F. of L. News Service.

A large number of establishments employing musicians have signed union contracts with the newly-organized local of the American Federation of Musicians in Bay City, Michigan. Union sentiment was so strong that the management of the Banks Cafe, where music was not composed of union members, told the musicians to join the union, otherwise the business agent of the Musicians Union mobilized an entire band of union members for the use of the cafe.

A large membership does not deter the Musicians Mutual Protective Union of the American Federation of Musicians from looking around for new members. In one month the union recently accepted 45 applications for new membership, which brings the membership of the local to approximately 4,680.

TEN TEACHERS FEDERATION LOCALS ORGANIZED IN OHIO

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Fine progress in organizing Ohio school workers is reported by the Ohio State Federation of Teachers, affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers. Locals have recently been established in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Akron, Toledo, Lorain, East Cuyahoga, Parma, Massilon, Youngstown, and in Lucas County, Cleveland has the largest local—2,300 members.

1,500 JOIN SPRINGFIELD UNIONS IN EIGHT WEEKS

Springfield, Ohio (AFLNS).—The Organizing Committee of the Springfield Trades and Labor Assembly reports that more than 1,500 new members have been enrolled in the organized labor movement here during two months. The larger gains were in the printing and building trades.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS WIN SIX PACTS IN BAY CITY

By A. F. of L. News Service.

A local union of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers recently formed in Bay City, Michigan, promptly secured agreements with five contractors increasing wages and elimination of several unfair trade practices brought gains for employers and workers alike, through organization.

Laborers Union Is Organized In Miami; Higher Pay Asked

Miami, Fla. (AFLNS)—A thriving local of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' Union has been organized in Miami. The union immediately began the procedure incident to negotiating agreements with local contractors for higher wages.

A. F. of L. Unions Win Higher Wages

United Action in All Parts of the Country Finalizes Many Agreements Providing Higher Living Standards for Thousands of Workers.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—One vital element in the policy of the American Federation of Labor is the benefits obtained for working men and women from united action by local trades unions and groups of unions in securing higher wages, shorter hours and improved work conditions through agreements negotiated with employers by union representatives.

The scope of some of the recent achievements of the A. F. of L. unions along these lines is indicated in the following items compiled from authoritative sources:

SACRAMENTO WAREHOUSEMEN

The Warehousemen's Union of Sacramento, Calif., recently settled a 114 day strike of the employes of the Hayward Poultry Producers Association with an agreement under which warehousemen received 67½ cents an hour, each morning and evening mixer men and foremen 75 cents. The pact provides for the 40-hour week, time and one half for overtime and a grievance committee to handle disputes.

SPRINGFIELD PAINTERS

The Painters Union of Springfield, Ill., went to work under a new wage scale agreement carrying an increase of 25 cents an hour.

WASHINGTON, D. C., ICE CREAM MAKERS

A wage increase of eleven per cent for all inside employes of six leading ice cream plants of Washington, D. C., has been secured by Ice Cream Makers' Local Union No. 330 and Confectionery Workers' Local Union No. 118.

JOLIET WALL PAPER WORKERS

Strikes in five of the wall paper plants of Joliet, Illinois, were ended with agreements with representatives of the United Wallpaper Crafts of North America which secured raises in wages, the 40-hour week, time and a half for overtime, recognition of seniority rights and other improved work conditions.

The strike settlement agreements included the Standard, Midwest, Star-Peerless, Lenox and Joliet wallpaper companies. Under the Star-Peerless agreement, which is said to be typical of the others, the scale for

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UNION PACTS SIGNED BY BUILDING TRADES

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Recent issues of labor papers received at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor here contain the following information regarding union shop agreements negotiated by building trades councils in California and Nevada:

The Building Trades Council of Oakland, Calif., recently negotiated a temporary agreement with representatives of the Rock, Sand and Gravel Producers Association, under which wages of all employes not receiving the union rate in sand, rock and gravel yards were increased five cents per hour. The contract remains in effect until a general agreement is signed by the Producers Association and the Building Trades Council.

The building crafts laborers of Waterloo, Iowa, with the cooperation of the Building Trades Council, have negotiated a closed shop agreement with this Waterloo Contractors Association and presented demands for 62½ cents an hour wage. The contractors are reported as holding out for 50 cents an hour.

The Building Trades Council and the Laborers, Operating Engineers and Teamsters Unions of San Jose, California, have negotiated union shop agreements with six stone quarry companies in the San Jose area.

Ten more building contractors of Oakland, Calif. have signed union contracts with the Building Trades Council of that city.

TAILORS UNION SUCCEEDS IN ORGANIZATION DRIVE

By A. F. of L. News Service.

The Journeymen Tailors' Union of North America, an old affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, is reported as participating in the great forward surge of organization. A new local union, No. 160, has been chartered at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with a substantial membership, and others elsewhere are reported in course of formation.

Union Recognition Strike Won by Cleveland Molders

Cleveland, Ohio (AFLNS) — Following a strike of 57 employes the Superior Foundry Company of Cleveland agreed to recognize the Cleveland Local of the International Molders' Union of North America as the sole bargaining agent for the workers. The union immediately began negotiations for shorter hours and higher wages.

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craftsmen ranges from 96 cents to $1.10 an hour and for male helpers a minimum of 45 cents an hour. Union officials said there was but one non-union wallpaper company left in Joliet.

AURORA CARPENTERS

A minimum wage rate of 75 cents an hour and a closed shop was recently negotiated by Carpenters and Joiners Local Union No. 816 of Aurora, Ill., with the Fowler Equipment Company, which specializes in the construction and installation of refrigerated cooling rooms and display cases for food stores, meat markets, florist shops, restaurants, bakeries, hotels and cold storage plants. The company employs an average of 50 men.

SHEBOYGAN PAINTERS

A closed shop agreement negotiated by the Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers' Union Local No. 316 of Sheboygan, Wis., with all the leading painting contractors of that city provides a wage scale of 85 cents an hour, a 40-hour week and time and a half for all overtime. This is an increase of ten cents an hour.

CHATTANOOGA CEMENT WORKERS

The Cement Workers' Union of Chattanooga, Tenn., secured a wage increase of seven and one half per cent in a contract recently signed by the Signal Mountain Cement Company of that city. The contract applies to every worker with the exception of foremen and superintendents. Overtime will be paid for at the rate of time and one-half and an agreement was reached regarding seniority. The union is recognized as the sole bargaining agency for all of the employes in the plant. Every employe in the company is a paid-up member of the union.

BATTLE CREEK MACHINISTS

Machinists Union Lodge No. 46 of Battle Creek, Mich., has negotiated a contract with the Clark Tructractor Company providing substantial wage increases, an 8½ hour working day, and a provision for representation of the employes by shop committees and shop stewards. The agreement was retroactive to January 15.

MIDDLETOWN MASONS

An agreement negotiated by Masons' Local Union No. 25 of Middletown, Mass., with the Volpe-Grandi Company brought wage increases to 25 masons employed by the company.

PROVIDENCE TRUCK DRIVERS

Providence, R. I. (AFLNS).—According to officials of Truck Drivers Local 191, the agreement settling the truck drivers strike here, involving more than 2,000 drivers, included a ten per cent wage increase in 48 hour week and union recognition.

KENOSHA PAINTERS

A one-day wage increase strike declared by the Painters Union of Kenosha, Wis., brought the painting contractors to terms and an agreement was negotiated increasing wages to $1.15 an hour and granting numerous other concessions.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PAINTERS

Officials of Painters Local Union No. 368 in the District of Columbia announced a new contract with employers which provides for the seven hour work day at $11 per day, which is at the rate of $1.57 1/7 an hour.

GAS STATION OPERATORS PLAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Cleveland, Ohio—A national convention of representatives of Gasoline Station Operators, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, recently held here, soundly condemned attempted "raids" in this industry by the Committee for Industrial Organization and adopted constructive measures designed to improve the lot of these workers.

Ten organizers already in this field are to be augmented by 40 others within a short time, in order to bring the 250,000 employees in this petroleum industry into local unions affiliated with the A. F. of L.

Several prominent speakers addressed the convention, including William Collins, personal representative of President William Green.

Officers elected include: Richard Bradley, Akron, president; Phil Hannah, Cleveland, secretary and treasurer; C. E. Haney, South Bend, first vice president; Fred Olds, Lansing, second vice president; O. B. Chambers, Indianapolis, third vice president; George Prouty, Minneapolis, fourth vice president, and Arnold Stromm, Tacoma, fifth vice president.

BLACKSMITHS BROTHERHOOD REGISTERS PAY INCREASES

Chicago, Ill. (AFLNS).—Local Unions of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers, old-time A. F. of L. union that keeps abreast of modern developments, are reporting substantial progress from all sections of the country.

Green Bay, Wisconsin; Racine, Wisconsin; Bedford, Indiana, and Cleveland, local unions are among those recently reporting substantial advances, including increased wages.

Co-operative Grocery Store Opened in Pocatello, Idaho

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Considerable growth of the co-operative movement has been reported recently, particularly from the Northwestern states. Among the latest co-operative stores to open is that of the Idaho Consumers' Co-operative, Inc., at Pocatello, Idaho. The new venture starts out with 140 signed members, with many others in prospect. A variety of standard brands of groceries are carried. Lewiston, Idaho, has had a co-operative in successful operation for several years.

SEATTLE FUR WORKERS DEMAND HIGHER WAGES

Forty-Eight Hour Week and Sweatshop Pay Ranging From $12 For Finishers to $30 for Cutters Imposed by Non-Union Employers.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

The newly organized local of the International Fur Workers Union in Seattle, Wash., started off with over 100 members and a determination to secure higher wages and shorter hours for fur workers in that city.

Gordon Stein, business manager of the local, points out that in the non-union shops in Seattle a cutter will is responsible for cutting the garment and making it salable is paid as low as $30 to $35 for a 48-hour six day week, while in San Francisco the union fur worker for cutting the same article receives $50 for a 35-hour five-day week.

The non-union operator in Seattle who sews the furs together and joins the fur garment is paid as low as $18 to $22.50 for a 48-hour week, while operators in organized towns are paid $40 or more for a 35-hour week.

Mr. Stein charged that the nailers, who make see that the garment is properly stretched before it is sewed so that less skin may be used and a larger profit made for the employer, are forced to work for as little as $18 to $20 for a 48-hour week in comparison with from $27.50 to $35 for a 35-hour week in organized towns.

Turning to the finisher who is responsible for the beauty of the fur garment, Mr. Stein said that although she "puts the lining in with dainty hand stitching and does lovely finishing details," non-union Seattle employers pay her the lowest wage in the industry ranging from $13 to $19 for a 48-hour week. In organized locals in this industry she is paid from $25 to $30 for a 35 hour week.

Before long the Seattle Fur Workers Union expects to change these unfair conditions and wring from unwilling employers decent wages and hours for those who produce high grade fur garments.

SCHOOL JANITORS FORM UNION IN OTTAWA, ILL.

Stockton Building Service Employes Join Organized Labor's Forces

By A. F. of L. News Service.

The janitors in the public grade school buildings of Ottawa, Illinois, have been organized by a local of the Building Service Employes International Union. It is planned to extend the organization to include high school building maintenance employes and similar workers in all city and county buildings and apartment houses.

A new local of the International Union, Building Service Employes, has been organized in Stockton, California.

DENVER BUILDING TRADES WIN HIGHER WAGE RATES

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Substantial wage increases for skilled workers and laborers have been secured for the building trades of Denver, Colorado, partly by separate agreements negotiated between the unions and the contractors and partly by awards handed down by the Colorado Industrial Commission, the commission having acted as, arbitrator in cases where the contractors and the unions could not agree.

The commission unanimously approved othe 7-hour day and 5-day week in mines and the following wage scales: Building laborers, 71 2/5 cents an hour, formerly 62½ an hour; hod carriers, $1 an hour, formerly 90 cents; granite cutters, $1.25 an hour, formerly 87½; plasterers and lathers, $1.43 an hour, formerly $1.25; stone cutters, $1.43 an hour, formerly $1.12½.

The following wage increases were negotiated: Bricklayers, tile setters and bricklayers, tile setters and shovel operators, $1.50 an hour in place of the former $1.25 an hour; gasfitters, $1.20 an hour in place of the former $1 an hour. The scale for plasterers remained unchanged at $1.25 an hour.

SPEED-UP ORDER ISSUED BY SOVIET GOVERNMENT

By A. F. of L. News Service.

The government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Moscow, has issued an order requiring Soviet piece-workers in heavy industry to increase production 20 per cent a year along with a decrease in the pay for each individual article produced. It was explained that the speed-up order was issued to prevent the second year of the five-year plan from falling short.

The order took the form of an increase in production norms. The norm has been fixed on the basis of the average daily output of the average worker.

The decision to increase norms, announced by the Commissariat of Heavy Industry, is said to be the second such move within the last eight months. In September the Soviet Government raised piecework norms 15 per cent as a result of the so-called "Stakhanov movement" in the system of speed-up under which September the Soviet Government raised piecework norms 15 per cent as a result of the so-called "Stakhanov movement" in the system of speed-up under which increase production, with bonuses for piece workers who exceed the norm.

It is observed that even under the new norms the bonuses will begin at levels within the ability of most workers to reach.

DENTAL TECHNICIANS FORM STRONG UNION IN FLINT

Flint, Mich. (AFLNS).—Dental Technicians and Assistants in Flint recently formed a union and applied for a charter and now are engaged in completing organization of the industry in that community, with a view to improving wages and working conditions.

Tacoma Match Firm Workers Covered by One Agreement

Tacoma, Wash. (AFLNS) — The Pacific Match Factory, here has been organized 100 per cent; the Central Labor Union securing a blanket agreement covering all local unions whose members are employed in this big plant.

Unions in Capital of the Nation Improve Workers' Economic Status

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cently established a Picket and Defense Fund, to which all affiliated local unions are contributing liberally. It is stated 95 per cent of general construction work here is union, but that cannot be said of dwelling, remodeling and repair work, and a campaign to fully organize this work is being planned.

Pay Raise for Tailors

United Garment Workers' Local Union No. 11 has secured an increase in wages of 10 per cent from three leading custom tailoring establishments.

Theatres Practically All Union Shop

Moving Picture Machine Operators No. 224 and the Auxiliary, Local 9, consistent efforts, has succeeded in bringing up all theatres in and about the District except one, the one being the Gem, one of the few "mixed" theatres remaining in the United States, which is being picketed.

Refrigeration Service Fitters Organize

Newest of the local unions organized here is Refrigeration Service Fitters' Local No. 602-A, which starts out with 40 members, having jurisdiction in all refrigeration fitting up to 12 tons, including household and other installations, service and repairs.

"Unfair" Firms Settle With Unions

The Washington Central Labor Union, co-operating fully with all affiliated local unions, reported settlement of three major grievances at the last meeting, the firms concerned having removed from the "unfair list," at the request of Retail Clerks, Musicians, Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders.

Are California Banks Refusing Credit To Employers Who Operate Union Shops?

Organized Labor in Los Angeles Wants State Legislature and La Follette Civil Liberties Committee to Probe the Situation.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Charges of collusion between banks and anti-union employer associations to injure the organized labor movement was indicated in a resolution recently adopted by the Central Labor Council of Los Angeles, California.

The council stated it had "reason to believe that the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association of this city has been engaging in questionable, if not illegal, practices of espionage and sabotage against organized labor," and that "there is reason to believe various banks in Los Angeles have contributed funds, either or both from the banking house or such banks' depositors, or from its surplus funds, which are the property of its stockholders, to aid the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association in its campaign against labor."

The resolution then declared that these alleged acts "are contrary to sound banking business and in violation of the State and national banking laws," and urged the State legislature in cooperation with the State Banking Commissioner and the officials of the Federal Reserve System to conduct a "rigid investigation into the affairs of every bank in the city of Los Angeles, to determine whether or not any of them have contributed any funds to the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, or whether any such bank has used its power of withholding credit to coerce any merchant or manufacturer in this locality to cease dealing with organized labor."

The Central Labor Council also ordered a copy of the resolution to be sent to the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee in Washington with the request that the committee make an investigation of the charges.

Anti-Union Restaurant Owner Loses $35,000 Damage Suit Against Arizona Labor Journal

Phoenix Judge Dismisses Case Involving Printed Statement That Firm Was "Unfair."

By A. F. of L. News Service.

A recent decision handed down by Judge G. A. Rodgers in Phoenix, Arizona, is hailed as a warning to any labor paper to declare that a firm is "unfair" or workers without being liable to a suit for damages.

The case was started in the summer of 1935 during a strike of the Phoenix culinary crafts against the Court House Cafe operated by Mr. Golfinos, who refused to accept the union wage scale to his waitresses. Subsequently the Central Labor Council of Phoenix placed the restaurant on the "unfair" list. Pickets employed by the Cooks and Waiters Union patroled the restaurant.

The Arizona Labor Journal, the official organ of the Arizona State Federation of Labor, put out a special edition of the paper carrying the headline, "Court House Cafe Unfair." The papers were sold in front of the cafe.

Mr. Golfinos brought suit for $35,000 against the Arizona Labor Journal, the State Federation of Labor, the Cooks and Waiters' Union, and the officials of the State Federation. The case was argued June 19, 1936, Judge Rodgers taking the matter under advisement. In a recent decision, he dismissed the case.

CLEVELAND TEAMSTERS SIGN WAGE INCREASE AGREEMENT

Yard Men Are Included in Pact With Retail Coal Dealers.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

The Teamsters and Chauffeurs Local Union in Cleveland, Ohio, has negotiated a contract with the Retail Coal Dealers Board covering wages and hours for drivers and yardmen in Cuyahoga County. Coal drivers will receive 75 cents an hour or $31.50 a ton if they are on a driver-owned basis. The agreement includes wage raises of 8 cents an hour or $3.50 a ton.

Four hundred yard men, formerly without union protection, are included in the new contract, will receive a minimum of 60 cents an hour and time and one-half for overtime in place of the straight time formerly in effect.

The eight-hour day and six-day week for both drivers and yardmen is provided for seven months of the year, including the winter months. For the remaining five months, including the summer months, the five day week will be applied. All overtime will be paid for at the rate of time and one-half, and overtime is figured at the end of every day.

Union officials said the new agreement was especially favorable for the yard men, hitherto unorganized, who had been compelled to work 10 or 12 hours a day for 40 cents an hour.

KNOXVILLE UNIONS BACK LOCAL LABOR NEWSPAPER

Knoxville, Tenn. (AFLNS).—The determination of local unions throughout the nation to give practical support to the local labor press, which is constantly fighting their battles, has been emphasized by A. F. of L. officials and others since the beginning of the American labor movement, but not all unions have heeded this advice. Knoxville unions are setting a commendable example of solid support by subscribing to the "Knoxville Labor News," progressive labor newspaper. Many local unions have subscribed in a body for their Local Labor paper, the latest reported being Boilermakers' Local Union No. 143.

Carpenters of Midland Form Union and Apply for Charter

Midland, Mich. (AFLNS)—A new union of carpenters was recently formed at Midland, with application being made for a charter from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, giving added strength to the building trades in this community.

Cincinnati Lumber Workers Organize and Get Charters

Cincinnati, Ohio (AFLNS) — The mill men and laborers employed by the M. B. Farrin Lumber Company of Cincinnati have been chartered by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and the Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' Union of America.

LARGE GAINS MADE BY RETAIL CLERKS

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Angeles and Huntington Park. The agreements recognize the union as the collective bargaining agency for, one year, a 40-hour week with time and one-half for overtime and six holidays per year with pay. When these holidays are worked time and one-half will be paid. One week's vacation with pay is provided for all employees with one year's service.

Good Week in Springfield

Over 25 food stores and markets in Springfield, Illinois, have signed agreements with Retail Clerks Union No. 475, following a city-wide five days' membership campaign. All of the stores signed an identical contract providing for a wage scale ranging from a minimum of $15 per week for men and $14 for women. The contract also stipulates a 9-hour day and 54-hour week, with time and one-half for overtime. All legal holidays will be observed, and if work is required on these days it shall be paid for at time and one-half of the regular hourly rate. The check-off system of dues is applied. Employment of persons under 16 years of age is banned. The closed shop is established. Strike and lockout clauses with every peaceable method of settlement has been listed.

A new local union of the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association was organized in San Antonio, Texas, largely through the efforts of A. F. Cadena, volunteer A. F. of L. organizer. The charter is being held open for 90 days, to take in more members and plan for a drive for increased wages and improved working conditions in that city.

Twelve Portland Stores Gained

Other tangible results that are obtainable through a vigorous organization drive are revealed in the experience of the recently-chartered Retail Shoe Clerks Local of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association in Portland, Oregon. Starting out in what seemed to be an unfavorable field, the organizers of the union stores that are fair to labor, the last firm to recognize the union being the Knight Shoe Store, which has been carried on the "unfair list" of Portland organized labor for many years.

Retail Clerks No. 47 has signed a new agreement with "Call Me Joe," colorful clothier who employs several clerks in Berkeley, California.

Retail Clothing Salesmen's and Haberdashers' Union of Los Angeles, California, has signed up the Quality Built Clothing Company of that city for the union shop. The store is owned and managed by Jack Lamm, former president of the Chicago Retail Clothing Salesmen's Union.

T. F. FLYNN, CHICAGO LABOR OFFICIAL, DIES

Was President of Chicago District Carpenters Council.

Chicago, Ill. (AFLNS)—Thomas F. Flynn, president of the Carpenters District Council of Chicago, died at his home here on April 11, after a lingering illness at the Oak Park Hospital. He was sixty years old.

He was also chairman of Carpenters Local Union No. 13 and served as a trustee of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America to the last ten conventions of the American Federation of Labor. In addition, he represented his local union at the numerous State conventions of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, where he served on a number of important committees.

Mr. Flynn was born in Ireland in 1876. He joined Local Union 13 of Carpenters and Joiners of America in 1898 and served as business agent for 25 years, at which time he was elected president of the Carpenters District Council and served in that capacity for ten years, until his untimely death.

Friends from all walks of life attended the funeral. The casket and the grave were covered with beautiful floral pieces coming not only from Chicago but from Cleveland, New York City, St. Louis and other distant points.

Fined $409 For Violating Nine-Hour Law For Women

Houston, Texas (AFLNS).—The nine hour law for women has been with full force on Tom Etheredge, owner of "Tom's Cool Corner" in Houston, when he appeared before Justice Decker in answer to charges filed by Deputy Labor Commissioner Frank Hanrahan that he had on that he had violated the State law which prohibits a maximum nine-hour day for women workers.

The testimony against Etheredge could not be denied. After hearing the case and reviewing the facts, Justice Decker imposed a fine of $50 and costs in each case, totaling $409.50.

NEW HIRING HALL OPENED FOR SEATTLE TEAMSTERS

By A. F. of L. News Service.

The local unions of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, and Helpers in Seattle, Washington, through the Teamsters Joint Council, have set up a new hiring hall, through which all employment opportunities are afforded members of all local unions of this craft in Seattle. Located at 949 South Alaska Way, the new hiring hall was erected at a cost of $5,500, in order to provide a central point for supplying employers with men and men with jobs.

Des Moines Potato Chip Firm Signs Closed Shop Agreement

Des Moines, Iowa (AFLNS)—The employes of the Hi-Land Potato Chip Company of Des Moines organized as a Federal Labor Union of the American Federation of Labor, have negotiated a closed shop contract with the company. Union-made potato chips are now available for everyone in the Des Moines area.

BAY CITY PLUMBERS HAVE LARGE UNION

Jackson Local Unionizes Ten Shops—Houston Local Signs Up Five Firms

By A. F. of L. News Service.

An agreement carrying an increased wage scale and improved working conditions has been negotiated by Plumbers and Steamfitters Union of Bay City, Michigan, with the Master Plumbing Contractors. Union officials said their success in securing the contract was due to the fact that over 90 per cent of the plumbers and steamfitters in Bay City are members of the union. It is believed that a building trades council will soon be organized comprising all building crafts unions operating in the Bay City area.

Plumbers' Local Union No. 313, at Jackson, Michigan, reports the unionization of ten shops in that city, for which support of all organized labor is being urged.

Complete union organization of the employes of the Cochran Air-Conditioning Company of Houston, Texas, was affected recently when Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union No. 68 of that city signed an agreement with the firm. The other crafts employed by the company were already members of the various American Federation of Labor building trades unions. The Plumbers Union also has agreements with four other Houston firms.

STATE AND CITY OFFICES FILLED BY LABOR MEN

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Governor Henry Horner of Illinois recently appointed John Walker, former president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor to the position of assistant secretary of the State Commerce Commission. For a number of years Mr. Walker has been the labor and economic advisor to the Union Teachers' Federation of Chicago, Ill.

Chester Holmgren, a member of Stemfitters' Local Union No. 455, St. Paul, Minn., has been named as deputy inspector of that city under the new ordinance requiring all steamfitters and steamfitting contractors to register and to operate in the municipality. The ordinance stipulates an examination of all journeymen steamfitters as well as steamfitting contractors. The appointment was made by Fred Trask, St. Paul commissioner of parks, playgrounds and public buildings.

Governor Leslie A. Miller of Wyoming has appointed Harry W. Fox of Sheridan to the executive committee of State Unemployment Insurance Department. Mr. Fox was president of the Wyoming State Federation of Labor for seventeen years, from March, 1919, until 1936, when he declined to run for re-election. He will be the only salaried member of the insurance department created by the last State Legislature. His salary is fixed by the Governor and his term of office will be at the Governor's pleasure.

SALINAS VEGETABLE LABOR GIVEN SMALL WAGE BOOST

Tear Gas and Other War Munitions Shipped in Gallon Lots to Lettuce-Growing Region for Use in Quelling Labor Disputes.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Salinas, Calif.—The Grower-Shipper Association of Salinas recently announced wage increases of 50 cents an hour for workers in the Salinas lettuce-growing district, with a proportionate rise in piece work.

Under the new scale, which was evidently in effect in an attempt to quiet unrest among the workers, women will receive 65 cents an hour, with a minimum of 60 cents an hour and packers 80 cents.

In this connection it is interesting to note that according to a report by the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee, the growers' companies handling war munitions for use in labor disputes have shipped around $30,000 worth of tear and mustard gas, machine guns, shot guns and similar weapons of warfare into Salinas, San Jose, and other Monterey County towns for the use of law enforcement agencies in "settling" labor disputes between the fruit and vegetable workers and the organized growers and shippers, especially in connection with the lettuce workers' strikes in 1934 and 1936.

FIRE FIGHTERS ORGANIZE IN BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

City firemen of Battle Creek, Michigan, have applied for a charter in the International Association of Fire-fighters, A. F. of L. affiliate, with Chief John Redmond, eighth International vice president, directing early efforts. Another local is expected to be formed in Saginaw soon, where a recent election to grant Civil Service status to firemen carried by 2 to 1.

100 CALIFORNIA HATTERS WIN UNION SHOP STRIKE

By A. F. of L. News Service.

During a one week's strike over 100 workers at the Western Hat Company of Hollydale, Calif., joined the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union and returned to work with the understanding that the New York owner of the company would come to Hollydale and sign an agreement for the union shop with adjustments in wages and hours.

Woonsocket Bartenders Union Finalizes Minimum Wage Pact

Woonsocket, R. I. (AFLNS)—Progress all along the line is reported by Bartenders' Union of Woonsocket. Although organized only a few months ago in what appeared to be an unfriendly field, the union has made large gains. During the last month the union not only initiated 25 new members but also negotiated a substantial minimum wage agreement with the Woonsocket Liquor Dealers' Association.

TEAMSTERS FORM MANY NEW UNIONS

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livery men and clerks, the union signed up 60 per cent of the stores to operate under union conditions in the future. All of the firms display union shop cards.

Michigan Steps in Line

The Taxicab Drivers' Union in Detroit has gained a 100 per cent union shop agreement with the LaSalle Cab Company, the first such agreement won in that city.

A charter was recently granted to a new Truck Drivers' local union in Port Huron, Michigan. A drive is under way to make the new local 100 per cent effective, both in laundry, bakery, milk, ice and other truck drivers.

Truck Drivers' Local Union No. 164 was recently chartered at Jackson, Michigan, and is reported as growing fast. Joseph Ashmore, president of the Jackson Federation of Labor, a volunteer A. F. of L. organizer, got the new local off to a good start.

Truck Drivers in Flint, Michigan, recently formed a new local union of salesmen-drivers, starting out with about 70 members.

Truck Chauffeurs and Helpers No. 486 was recently chartered at Saginaw, Michigan, with substantial progress already reported.

A new local union of Teamsters, Drivers and Helpers was formed in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which started out with over a hundred members.

Culinary Workers Achieve Success

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union hotel. This was made possible when, after an organizing campaign that overcame early resistance, resulted in agreements by the management of the Kaskaskia Hotel, largest in La Salle, signed up with the local of Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Alliance, and Bartenders, Engineers and Firemen.

Two additional restaurants and liquor stores have been signed up for union hours and wages by the Culinary Alliance Local of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes Alliance in Columbus, Ohio.

The Culinary Workers Union of Seattle, Wash., has been signed up at the May Morrill Coffee Shop, the 27 employes are all union members.

Greyhound Restaurant Sign Up

Culinary Workers Alliance Local No. 572 of Stockton, Calif., has signed an agreement with the Greyhound Restaurant in the new Greyhound Depot in that city. The contract provides union wages and hours for ten employes. The local also negotiated an agreement with "Tiny's" new coffee shop where 30 people are employed.

A new local union of Cooks and Waiters' Alliance has been formed among rapid strides, with new houses being organized every few days as coming into the union fold. Five firms signed union contracts in one week.

A newly formed Cooks and Waiters' Union in Chattanooga, Tenn., is reported as putting up a va'ant fight for union recognition and improvement of wages and working conditions, which have been unfavorable in this city.

Culinary craft unions, affiliated with the Hotel and Restaurant Employes' Alliance and Bartenders' League, in Seattle, Washington, have signed up three Clark cafes, after a long and bitter struggle.

RAILWAY SHOPMEN VOTE FOR A. F. OF L.

Chicago, Ill. (AFLNS) — "Dummy unions" on railroad systems appear to be going the way of the do-do bird, with one after another of these company-dominated set-ups capitulating to the urge of their members to belong to a real labor union.

Among recent victories of this nature scored by legitimate organized labor, is that on the Soo Line, the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie Railroad, where 1,200 shop employees have voted to be represented in wage negotiations by the A. F. of L. Railway Employes' Department. Ousting of company unions on this line began when three crafts, boilermakers, electricians and firemen and oilers, voted to be represented by their old-established A. F. of L. crafts.

UNION HAIR CUTS COST 65 CENTS IN TWO TOWNS

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Barbers' Local No. 1342 of Alameda County, California, has increased the price of haircuts to 65 cents and 50 cents, remaining in effect on other days. This progressive local is also assisting in organizing the beauty shop operators and giving splendid support to many other labor organizations.

Musical Instrument Workers Form Union in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Calif. (AFLNS)—Piano, Organ and Musical Instrument Workers' International Union of America, numbered among the oldest affiliates of the A. F. of L., has issued a new charter to Piano Tuners, Action Men and Finishers, at Los Angeles. It is reported over half of those engaged in work making them eligible for membership have already joined the union.

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shorter work day was established, along with an increase in wages of one per cent per game or line already in effect, with another increase to become effective August 15. The 86 concerns represented employ about 1,200 pin setters. The contracts extend to July, 1938.

Drivers Land New Agreements

While inside laundry workers have been making heavy gains, Laundry and Dye House Drivers' and Chauffeurs' Local Union No. 712 has been keeping pace, signing up the Argyle, the Oak Leaf, and numbers of other laundries and dyeing concerns.

Legislation For Race Track Employes

Another unusual union is Race Track Employes' Local Union No. 894, which has been making excellent progress. Chief interest of this union just now is support of House Bill No. 484 and Senate Bill No. 14, which provide that 90 per cent of all employes of Illinois race tracks shall be bona-fide residents of Illinois. The Illinois Federation of Labor and the Chicago Federation of Labor have both formally endorsed these proposed measures.

Beake Carter Criticized

Among the actions of the local Federation at a recent meeting was consideration of a stinging resolution directed toward the alleged anti-labor attitude of Beake Carter, radio commentator who is now also syndicating a newspaper column, one of the Chicago dailies playing up his labor blasts.

Asserting that organized labor is and always has been and will ever continue to be an ardent advocate of both a free press and of free speech, but that it is customary for predatory wealth in its labor hating and baiting trend to place high attention on efficient rable rousers, the resolution condemns Beake Carter for "his baseless assumption of labor's perfidity to and betrayal of its inspirational Ideals," and instructs the officers of the Federation to call upon the local paper using the column and lodge a vigorous protest "against the continuance of Beake Carter's system of unwarranted tradition."

Wage Raise for Delivery Workers

The Merchandise Service Delivery Workers' Federal Union No. 20,097 is another unusual A. F. of L. local union which further shows the extent of organization work recently conducted a brief strike, winning recognition and an increase of $2 a week in pay. The boys now earn a minimum of $20 a week, have the 44-hour work week and a "closed shop" contract.

Printing Trades Progress

Intensive and consistent organization work has been proceeding among the graphic craft unions, which are due to make all Chicago commercial shops 100 per cent union. This has resulted in a large number of former open union shops becoming union in all departments. This campaign is continuing with marked success.

In the building trades, in the metal trades, in the service trades, in fact in all trades, organized labor in and about Chicago is forging ahead.

TEAMSTERS UNION INITIATES 25,167

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Teamsters and Chauffeurs Brotherhood. The drivers cooperate with the inside workers and will not sign contracts with a company unless the Bakers Union is also covered in the agreements.

Milk Drivers and Dairymen's Union No. 207, at Kansas City, Kansas, won a four-day strike against the Mayers Sanitary Milk Company. The contract secured provides for a 10 per cent general wage increase and the 6-day work week. A clause showing the trend of co-operation between labor organizations is also included, which gives the men the right to refuse deliveries to establishments whose workers are on strike.

3,800 Enrolled in Chicago

The Mid-West Truck Drivers' Union, with 3,800 members, at the largest meeting ever held in Chicago, Illinois, at 5,200, at a recent meeting, voted to unite with the Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Union, thereby taking action to join the Teamsters' Joint Council of Chicago. Negotiations were reported in progress with the Yellow and Checker cab companies for a pay raise and a "closed shop" agreement.

The local union 672 of the Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers Brotherhood at Bremerton, Washington, initiated 24 new members at its last monthly meeting, bringing the total membership to 672.

Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Local Union No. 20, at Toledo, Ohio, has been carrying on a campaign of activity to organize all eligible workers. Growth has been so great during the past year that, instead of one business agent, five are now necessary to look after the affairs of the Union. Coal dealers, produce dealers and many other lines of trucking concerns have been signed to union contracts.

Moving Picture Union Signs Up Three Grand Rapids Theatres

Grand Rapids, Mich. (AFLNS).—Motion Picture Projectionists No. 291 of Grand Rapids has secured new agreements with three theatres here, including the Rialto, the State and the Southside theatres, by which all operators will hereafter be secured through the union.

Detroit Glass Workers Union Initiates Many New Members

Detroit, Mich. (AFLNS).—Glass Workers Local Union No. 367 of Detroit initiated 25 new members at one recent meeting shortly after the inauguration of an increased membership drive. All men who handle glass, both cutting and installation, are eligible for membership.

Anti-Injunction and 5-Day Week Laws Asked by Illinois Federation of Labor

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tablishment or in any construction enterprise, or in any mine, quarry, mill, shop, factory, laundry, hotel, restaurant, telegraph or telephone establishment, place of amusement, express, transportation or public utility establishment, municipal service, or in any public institution. The proposed law does not apply to persons in executive or supervisory positions or to persons employed by the State or any political subdivision thereof.

Making the payment of prevailing wages mandatory on public works.

Providing for the licensing and regulation of horticulturalists.

Amending the women's eight-hour law by changing the maximum hours from ten to eight for one day but not to exceed 48 hours in one week, and adding barber and beauty shops and private institutions or offices to the law.

Amendments to the workmen's compensation act and the workmen's occupational diseases act prepared by the Illinois State Federation of Labor. Prohibiting discrimination of employers against an employee on account of age.

Providing that no officer or member of an organization participating in a labor dispute shall be held legally responsible or liable for the individual acts of officers, members or agents thereof upon proof of active participation in or actual authorization of such acts or the ratification of such acts after actual knowledge thereof.

Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition Signs Contract With Dallas Building Trades

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Dallas, Texas.—An agreement regarded as one of the most important union contracts ever entered into in Dallas, by reason of its all-inclusive scope and effect, has been signed by officials of the Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition and the Dallas Building Trades Council.

The contract provides that all construction projects of the Exposition (Corporation shall be performed by union labor, at union rates of pay and under established union conditions.

Building trades affected include: Carpenters No. 196, Painters and Decorators No. 53, Hod Carriers and Building Laborers No. 518, Ironworkers No. 481, Bricklayers No. 5, Texas; Cement, Finishers No. 546, Operating Engineers No. 349, and Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers No. 719.

Teachers of Galesburg Organize Union; Education Board Views Plan With Alarm

By A. F. of L. News Service.

A thriving local of the American Federation of Teachers has been organized at Galesburg, Illinois. The executive committee of the local announced that its main purpose would be to co-operate with the board of education, the superintendent of schools and the community in carrying out "the best educational policies for the public schools."

In the program which it is trying to effectuate throughout the United States the Teachers Federation includes:

A single salary schedule based on equal qualifications and experience with automatic yearly increases.

A wage for teachers which will enable them to live according to the requirements of their position; to provide for the hazards of life, for leisure, for travel, for recreation and for professional improvement.

No loss of pay for limited absence due to illness, quarantine, court cases, or death in the immediate family.

Actuarially sound, adequate retirement allowance for teachers.

Despite this commendable program, a majority of the members of the Board of Education passed a resolution in opposition to the Teachers Union.

Stating that "it has come to the attention of the Board of Education that an attempt is being made to organize the teachers of the Galesburg public school system, the Board adopted the resolution declared that in the opinion of the board "such a union will not be for the best interests of the teachers and may result in great harm to the school system."

Evidently the Galesburg School Board has a very peculiar conception both of what is best for the teachers and what will injure the public schools.

DENVER STREET RAILWAY UNION WINS HIGHER PAY

New Agreement Adds $80,000 to Employes' Pay Envelopes.

By A. F. of L. News Service.

The principle of collective bargaining as a method of settling labor controversies in the interests of all concerned with merited benefits for the workers is again revealed in the union contract negotiated by Division 1001, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, with the Denver Tramway Corporation of Denver, Colorado.

The agreement resulted from a month's negotiations and gives the men wage increases and improved work conditions.

Benefits included in the new agreement include:

An increase of 3½ cents an hour for trainmen; time and one-half for work over eight hours a day; two weeks vacation with pay instead of one week as formerly; permanent recognition of seniority rights for miscellaneous and mechanical workers, hitherto refused by the company.

The wage increases made retroactive to March 16 amounted to over $5,000 in back pay alone, or an average of $8 for each trainman and $3 for each miscellaneous worker.

The agreement, which runs for one year, means a total increase in wages for the employes of about $70,000, with an added $10,000 a year for the extra vacations.

$300,000 Wage Increase Secured For 7,500 Detroit Hotel Employes

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ers, housemen, elevator operators and starters, doormen, wall washers, yard men, ice men, valet, janitors and other miscellaneous help.

It secured a half shall apply to all overtime above the regular number of hours as specified.

One week vacation with pay will be paid for all cooks after a year's employment, and 50 cents a day shall be added to the scale for split watches.

The scale for the cooks was set at a 15 per cent increase for the cafeteria cooks. Cooks, chefs, pastry cooks and bakers of the Book-Cadillac will receive a 10 per cent increase for under $35 weekly wage and a 5 per cent increase for those receiving over $35, while at the Statler, the same help will receive a 15 per cent raise for those receiving up to and under $30, while those getting $30 or over get a 10 per cent raise.

Following are the wage rates for other classifications of employes:

Bartenders—$30 per week without food.

Bar Helpers—$18 per week with food; $15 without.

Waiter Captains—$30 with food.

Waiters—$15 without food.

Waitresses—$10 with food.

Bell boys—$4.50 per week of 54 hours.

Bus boys—$15 without food.

Fifteen per cent increases went forward for the kitchen stewards and all kitchen employes, pantrymen, silversmen, dishwashers, potwashers, runners and counterwomen.

Extra waiters and waitresses will receive $1.75 for luncheon and $2.75 for the dinner—$4.50 per day.

Firemen, Oilers and Coal Passers and Helpers—An increase of 12½ per cent with a minimum of $2.50 per week is granted to this classification of employe. A minimum is established for firemen and oilers of 70 cents and for helpers and coal passers of 65 cents per hour. The agreement may be opened in four months and submitted to the arbitration board if desired.

In the laundries a minimum of 33 cents per hour was established, and days of from one week to ten days with regular pay for all employes was a distinct advance provided in the new agreement, which included wage increases.

The agreement will remain in force for three years.

Ohio Enameling Workers Win Strike Against Pay Rate Cut

By A. F. of L. News Service.

A short strike of the employes of the Mont Enameling and Manufacturing Company's plant at West Lafayette, Ohio, in protest against a reduction in wage rates and the threatened dismissal of a woman worker resulted in a conference between the president of the local Stamping and Enameling Workers Union and the company management. The next day the union official announced that the wage reduction had been restored and the dismissed employe ordered to work. Thereupon the strike ended.

Union Deserters in Worcester Lose Their Jobs as Drivers

Worcester, Mass. (AFLNS)—It is a losing venture for workers to desert the union. This is demonstrated once again in the case of four truckmen in Worcester who refused to pay their dues as prescribed by the constitution of Truck Drivers Local No. 270, here.

The men were employed by the George Lamoureux Company, distributors of Narragansett Ale in the Worcester district. The union negotiated an agreement with the company which provided that the union should supply the firm with union truck drivers. So the four deserters lost their jobs.

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the clause applying particularly to "trippers," or extra men hired for short periods in rush hours, but it also will apply to regular workers who may be required to make an extra run. Under the "trippers" clause an employe making a one-hour run will be paid for two hours work. The agreement also provides for arbitration of all disputes.

The union has drivers of Lansing negotiated a new agreement with the City Transport Corporation calling for increased basic hourly rates. Bus drivers will receive 50 cents per hour for the first six months service, 55 cents per hour for the second six months service and 63 cents per hour after one year of completed service. The new rates represent a total increase of 7 cents per hour for workers who have been employed over six months.

The new contract also covers all mechanics in the bus and truck transportation firm, and a committee of three garage men was elected by the employes in that division of work to adjust any grievances. The pay of the garage men was fixed at 60 cents per hour for class A, 68 cents per hour for class AA and 73 cents per hour for class AAA.

WILL R. BOYER, BROOM MAKERS' OFFICIAL, DIES

Secretary - Treasurer of International Union Succumbs at Sarasota, Pneumonia In Chicago—Was Seventy Years Old.

Chicago, Ill. (AFLNS)—Will Reagon Boyer, secretary-treasurer of the International Broom and Whisk Makers Union, died suddenly of pneumonia at his home here on May 4. He had just passed his seventieth birthday.

Mr. Boyer started his labor activities as a general organizer under the late Samuel Gompers. He devoted his life to the betterment of labor, both as a union official, gaining the respect, and esteem of employers and employes.

The Broom Makers' Union was founded by Mr. Boyer in 1893. He was elected president at that organization in the early years of its existence and served continuously as secretary-treasurer from 1912 until his death, despite the fact that he had been afflicted with ill health for the past twelve years.

He was considered an authority on the problems of organization and worked incessantly for the betterment of the blind. He was manager of the Industrial Department at the State High School for the Blind at Jacksonville, Ill., under Governor Pfeffer and was in charge of the industrial exhibits of the blind at the Columbian Exposition. He was also manager of the broom factory at the Industrial Home for the Blind in Chicago for several years.

Mr. Boyer was born at Elmwood, Ill., April 21, 1867.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Ola Boyer, of Russells Point, Ohio, and two brothers, Orrin and Abel Boyer, of Galesburg, Ill.

UNION LABEL TABLEWARE MADE BY THREE CONCERNS

By A. F. of L. News Service.

The Warwick China Company of Wheeling, W. Va., decorates its tableware with the union label, adopted last year by the National Brotherhood of Pottery Workers. The label is also applied to the products of the Sebring China Company of Sebring, Ohio, and the Cambridge China Company of Cambridge, Ohio.

VANCOUVER STREET CAR MEN OBTAIN PAY RAISE

Vancouver, British Columbia (AFLNS)—Another outstanding victory for the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes, affiliated with the A. F. of L., has been secured for Canadian members. Local Division 101, Vancouver, and Local Division No. 109, of Victoria, and Local Division No. 134, of New Westminster, all shared in the advantages gained in an agreement with the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, covering their Vancouver, North Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria lines and buses.

Following a conference of three days of from one week to ten days with regular pay for all employes was a distinct advance provided in the new agreement, which included wage increases. The agreement will remain in force for three years.

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More Unions Gain Higher Wage Rates

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rate ranged from 40 to 70 cents an hour. The contract provides that a further increase of 10 cents will be made during the Fall, bringing the hourly rate up to $1.

ST. LOUIS MOLDERS

The International Molders Union Local of St. Louis, Mo., has negotiated a contract with five foundries and six other concerns calling for an average wage increase of eight per cent. More than 4,000 union molders in the St. Louis area are benefitted by the agreement.

CLEVELAND PLASTERERS

A new agreement between the Plasterers Union of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Cleveland Builders Exchange establishes a wage rate of $1.62½ an hour or $13 a day.

AKRON PAINTERS

Following a brief strike of 400 members of Painters Local Union No. 841 of Akron, Ohio, they won their demand for a 10 cent an hour increase in painting and $1.37½ an hour for spray work. The Master Painters Association refused to sign up for the wage increase, following which the union established agreements with individual employers.

PERTH AMBOY POTTERS

Operative Potters' Local Union No. 96 has secured wage increases from seven and one-half per cent and up in an agreement recently negotiated with the Fords Porcelain Company, at Perth Amboy, N. J.

SAN GABRIEL TRUCK DRIVERS

Dump Truck Drivers' Local No. 420 with about 100 members, employed on the San Gabriel, California, canyon project, has secured a wage increase of $1.15 a day, bringing the scale to 90 cents an hour, and other crafts have won wage boosts of 5 per cent. The substantial gains were secured through peaceful negotiations, assisted by the Los Angeles Building Trades Council, chartered by the American Federation of Labor.

In negotiating the contract the union members stressed the need for raising the wage level of workers in the low-wage groups and waived claims for equal increases in the higher wage groups, in order that the greatest number might derive a substantial benefit from their collective efforts.

The wage increase of five cents per hour brought the total increase since last April 15 to 15 cents per hour for a large portion of the workers. During the same period the wages of the higher pay bracket workers were increased up to ten cents per hour. The agreement also provides for time and one-half for all Sunday and holiday work and for all time in excess of 40 hours per week.

Big St. Paul Refrigerator Company Employes Support A. F. of L. Union Contract

St. Paul Minn. (AFLNS).—Following a struggle, Refrigerator Workers' Local Union No. 20459, A. F. of L., has won the right to act as exclusive collective bargaining agent for over 1,500 workers employed by the Seeger Refrigerator Company here.

Officers of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, Ray F. Wentz, special A. F. of L. organizer, and A. F. Lockhart, president of the Minnesota Union Advocate, were all instrumental in aiding the refrigerator workers in their satisfactory settlement.

In addition to a 10 per cent increase in wages granted several weeks ago, purportedly to kill off organizational among the workers, the new contract calls for another 5 per cent wage increase immediately, establishment of seniority rights in the plant for the first time in history, and other advantages.

The vote at the union meeting was 1,207 for the agreement and 107 against it.

2,400 Michigan Road Workers Get Living-Cost Wage Boost

By A. F. of L. News Service.

State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner of Michigan has ordered an increase of five cents an hour for all maintenance workers, numbering over 2,400 employes, on the Michigan trunkline highway system, with a minimum wage of 50 cents an hour. This compares with the former minimum of 35 cents an hour.

"The previous scale of pay," Commissioner Van Wagoner said, "is out of proportion to the cost-of-living level at this time."

Maintenance workers in each of the state's 83 counties are benefited by the increase, which not only affects workers in 41 counties where the highway department has direct maintenance organization, but also applies to the workers in other counties where the county road commissioners perform the work under contract with the department. It is estimated that the new wage rate will add half a million dollars to the department's annual budget.

Detroit Plasterers Enroll Five Hundred New Members

Detroit, Mich. (AFLNS).—Five hundred new members have been added to the Detroit local of Operative Plasterers' Association of the United States and Canada as a result of an organization drive carried on in cooperation with the Lathers and Hod Carriers Unions.

The union is demanding a wage rate of $14 per day.

New Millinery Workers Union Receives Charter in Detroit

Detroit, Mich. (AFLNS).—The Millinery Workers of Detroit have organized as Local No. 71 of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union.

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50 cents per day for all employes, time and one-half for overtime and a two-week vacation with pay each year.

The Culinary Alliance Local No. 681 came along and lined up six cafes employing 30 cooks, waiters and bartenders for the union shop.

The business representative of Mannikists Local No. 1235 announced a negotiation of union agreements with nineteen more machine shops.

Cleaners and Dyers' Local 20216 came along with over 30 applications for membership.

Operating Engineers Local 235 initiated seven new members.

Three more union shop cards were installed in electrical equipment establishments by Electrical Workers Union No. 711, with the announcement that practically 95 per cent of the local industry is organized.

Tailors' Union 796 initiated five members, bringing the membership roll to the highest point in five years.

Painters' Local No. 256 announced that the union had initiated an average of six new members a week for several months.

Carpenters' Local No. 284 joined the procession with five new union shops, equipped with the information that the union has enough signers for the petition to force the open markets on Sundays and at six o'clock during the week with the exception of Saturday to place it on the ballot at the municipal election May 4.

And not to be outdone by all of this activity the United Brick and Clay Workers of America organized a new union with 73 applicants, all employes of a tile and clay plant, the Pacific Tile and Porcelain Company at Hynes, near Long Beach.

$150,000 WAGE INCREASE GAINED BY BRASS WORKERS

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Two American Federation of Labor unions whose members are employed by the Mueller Brass Company of Port Huron, Mich., have negotiated a contract with that concern calling for wage increases amounting to approximately $150,000 a year, which was reported that 90 per cent of the employes belong to the two unions.

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LONG BEACH MEN'S AND BOYS' SHOPS UNIONIZED

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cellaneous Culinary Workers, Hotel and Apartment House Employes, Newspaper Guild, Wholesale Produce Market Workers, Municipal Laborers, a Carpenters' local, Glass Workers.

Agreements For Retail Clerks

Indicative of the gains being made by retail clerks, the local Dress Salesmen's Union recently signed up Karl's Shoe Stores, becoming the exclusive collective bargaining agent for the clerks. The agreement established the 48-hour week, with other union conditions, including minimum wages of $30. Quite an improvement from the 60-hour work week, at wages ranging from $18 to $22.50 per week.

Low-Wage Employer Fined $100

The eternal vigilance that is necessary to see that employers obey the law as well as union contracts, is likewise being observed. Typical of this was the conviction recently of Jack Frazer, proprietor of Pig-Ralph Nut Shoeing Company, on a charge of working about 100 women employes for more than the 8-hour limit set by law. The penalty was a $100 fine, 5 days suspended sentence and one year on probation.

Eight-Hour Day For 3,000 Cleaners and Dyers

About 3,000 members of the Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers' Union won an 8-day week recently, winning a 10 per cent increase and reduction in working hours from 44 to 40.

Pay Boost For Venetian Blind Workers

The Venetian Blind Workers' Union won an agreement with the Venetian Blind Manufacturers Association by which they secured wage increases ranging from 5 to 20 per cent. The regular union won out after it is said the Association attempted to foster a "company union."

Plumbers Raise Wage Scale

Plumbers' Local Union No. 78, reporting many new members, secured a new contract with employers, with wage increases, bringing the scale to $1.25 per hour for a 40-hour work week.

It required an eight months' seige to secure union conditions for the Owl Drug Company, in nearby San Pedro, the Clerks and Warehousemen and Retail Clerks got them.

Jewelry Workers Win Argument

Jewelry Workers' Local No. 22, after an aggressive campaign, met with the aid of the Central Labor Council, secured an important contract with Harry Hartman, manufacturing jeweler, along with other similar agreements.

Office Workers' Strength Increases

Office Employes' Union No. 15251, A. F. of L. has reported substantial gains in membership and improved conditions. A Regional Conference of office workers' unions of the Pacific Coast area has been set, tentatively, for May 22 and 23. A very successful membership drive was conducted prior to May 1.

Higher Pay For Brewery Workers

Three brewery workers' local unions, with about 1,700 members, employed in 13 breweries, have secured new agreements, bringing increased wages. The scale here is now $45 for brewers, $41 for bottlers, $42 for keg-beer drivers and helpers and $41 for bottled beer drivers and helpers, per week. Pay raises to make this scale ranged from 7 to 14 per cent and was the first boost in wages brewery workers have received in 10 years.

Aside from the 24 new A. F. of L. local unions formed here in recent weeks, numerous local unions report substantially increased membership and there have been many notable gains in the way of increased wages, reduced hours and improved working conditions.

SEATTLE TEAMSTERS HALT USED AUTOMOBILE RACKET

By A. F. of L. News Service.

City Testing Officials Impound As Unfit For Sale Caravan of Second-Hand Cars From Chicago.

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An interesting development in the used-automobile racket has taken place in Seattle, Washington, through the intervention of Local 38 of the Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers Brotherhood here.

It seems it has been the practice of used-car dealers in the Chicago area to buy all sorts of decrepit autos for small amounts and then send them in caravans to the Pacific Northwest to be unloaded on unsuspecting buyers at fabulous profits.

One of these caravans of worn-out cars was halted by representatives of the Teamsters Union, who insisted that the cars should be tested by the Automobile Testing Station of the City of Seattle. The tests proved decidedly instructive. The cars were in such poor condition that they were refused approval and impounded.

Steering gears, tie rods, tail lights, stop lights, head lights, brakes and many other parts were all below the safety requirements, the defective parts having been removed with a new coat of paint.

Drivers of the cars in the caravan were reported to have been paid one dollar a day for the trip from Chicago to Seattle. They admitted that they were shot to pieces and not in a marketable condition.

Potters Union Negotiates Closed Shop in Galesburg

Galesburg, Ill. (AFLNS) — The Brotherhood of Operative Potters has just gained substantial outstanding victory in securing an agreement with the Addington Sanitary Pottery Company's plant at Galesburg, marking the first union sanitary ware plant in the Mississippi Valley.

The men in the plant started their own organization voluntarily, but were assisted, upon request, by an International representative of the Potters, who also assisted with negotiations which culminated so successfully.